

Amendments to the Specification

On page 7, immediately following paragraph [0019], please add the following new paragraphs:

**[0019.01]** Also provided is a fiber reinforcement material, comprising a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament, twisted to form a fiber bundle, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of strands of monofilaments are twisted to form a non-interconnected bundle in the absence of a wetting agent.

**[0019.02]** In another embodiment, a fiber reinforcement material is provided, comprising a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament, twisted to form a fiber bundle, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of strands of monofilaments form a first fiber component, the fiber reinforcement material further comprising a second fiber component that is discrete from the first fiber component and is fibrillated and formed of a homopolymer material.

**[0019.03]** In addition, a reinforcement for cementitious material is provided, comprising a plurality of polyolefin monofilaments, the plurality of monofilaments being in a twisted configuration, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of monofilaments are twisted to form a non-interconnected bundle in the absence of a wetting agent.

**[0019.04]** In another embodiment, a reinforcement for cementitious material is provided, comprising a plurality of polyolefin monofilaments, the plurality of

monofilaments being in a twisted configuration, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of monofilaments form a first fiber component, the reinforcement for cementitious material further comprising a second fiber component that is discrete from the first fiber component and is fibrillated and formed of a homopolymer material.

**[0019.05]** Also provided is a reinforced cementitious material, comprising a cementitious mass and a fiber component dispersed throughout the mass, the fiber component being a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament twisted to form a fiber bundle, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of strands of monofilaments are twisted to form a non-interconnected bundle in the absence of a wetting agent.

**[0019.06]** In another embodiment, a reinforced cementitious material is provided, comprising a cementitious mass and a fiber component dispersed throughout the mass, the fiber component being a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament twisted to form a fiber bundle, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of strands of monofilaments form a first fiber component, the reinforced cementitious material further comprising a second fiber component that is discrete from the first fiber component and is fibrillated and formed of a homopolymer material.

**[0019.07]** Also provided is a reinforcement material for a cementitious material formed by twisting a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments into a fiber bundle for mixing into a cementitious mass, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of

strands of monofilaments are twisted to form a non-interconnected bundle in the absence of a wetting agent.

**[0019.08]** In another embodiment, provided is a reinforcement material for a cementitious material formed by twisting a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments into a fiber bundle for mixing into a cementitious mass, the degree of twist being greater than about 0.9 turns/inch (about 0.36 turns/cm), wherein the plurality of strands of monofilaments form a first fiber component, the reinforcement material further comprising a second fiber component that is discrete from the first fiber component and is fibrillated and formed of a homopolymer material.

**[0019.09]** In yet another embodiment, a fiber reinforcement material is provided, comprising a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament, twisted to form a fiber bundle in the absence of a wetting agent.

**[0019.10]** In addition, provided is a reinforcement for cementitious material, comprising a plurality of polyolefin monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament, the plurality of monofilaments being in a twisted configuration in the absence of a wetting agent.

**[0019.11]** Also provided is a reinforced cementitious material, comprising a cementitious mass and a fiber component dispersed throughout the mass, the fiber component being a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament twisted to form a fiber bundle in the absence of a wetting agent.

**[0019.12]** In another embodiment, provided is a reinforcement material for a cementitious material formed by twisting a plurality of polyolefinic strands of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament into a fiber bundle in the absence of a wetting agent for mixing into a cementitious mass.

**[0019.13]** In yet another embodiment, a reinforced cementitious material is provided comprising a synthetic fiber blend distributed through a matrix of the cementitious material. The synthetic fiber blend comprises a first fiber component formed of a homopolymer polypropylene fiber, and a second fiber component being discrete from the first fiber component and being a copolymer formed of a polypropylene and a high density polyethylene, the second fiber component being a plurality of monofilaments of about 350 to about 6000 denier per filament twisted to form a fiber bundle in the absence of a wetting agent.